

SMOKE FUND NEAR QUARTER MILLION

Veteran Fighters to Launch New Campaign To-night for Soldiers' Tobacco.

EMPEY TO SELL BOOKS

Holmes and McGinnis Will Be at Reisenweber's and Make Addresses.

The Sun Tobacco Fund makes an advance of more than \$1,500 this morning, leaping over the \$240,000 top, clearing the \$241,000 line and taking its place within \$5,700 of the quarter million dollar goal, which is its immediate goal.

News of the activities of our troops in France and Washington's plans to rush more men to the fighting line as rapidly as the transports will carry them have stimulated regular interest and sympathy for the welfare of the soldiers to a marked degree. The people are determined that the brave boys who are fighting or are about to risk their lives for us shall be as well cared for as possible.

These fellows want tobacco—the one who Uncle Sam does not carry them for them and the opportunity presented to patriotic private citizens to meet this need through the agency of The Sun Tobacco Fund is seized upon gladly.

It is appropriate that soldiers, men who have been through the fire over there, should be conspicuous figures in the smoke fund campaign. This is the case with a small army of these veterans who are active in the drive.

Arthur Guy Empey, Corporal R. Lerby Holmes and Bomber Daniel McGinnis will give substantial aid to the fund to-night and fighting Benson—Samuel Clanton Benson he is in private life—will take his turn to-morrow night.

As everybody knows, Empey's great war picture "Over the Top" is being shown at the Lyric Theatre. When to-night's spectators emerge from the auditorium into the foyer of the Lyric they will behold Sergeant Empey in the very life. There in the lobby copies of "Over the Top" and "First Call" and photographs of this intrepid soldier will be sold, and Sergeant Empey will autograph them in the presence of the purchasers.

Sales Continue Every Day. These sales are to continue every afternoon and evening during the run of "Over the Top." Vitaphone stars who are shown in the picture will preside at the sales. Betty Blythe, who takes the part of Mrs. Arnot, will officiate to-night. Every penny received for books or photographs will come to The Sun Tobacco Fund.

Corporal Holmes and Bomber McGinnis will make their drive before the after theatre supper crowd at Reisenweber's, in Columbus Circle. Holmes formerly fought with the Twenty-second London Battalion, West Surrey Regiment and is the author of the thrilling war book "A Yankee in the Trenches." Bomber McGinnis is a Boston boy who joined the Canadian Overseas Forces and lost a leg in the battle of the Somme in October, 1916.

Mr. Schmitt, the manager of Reisenweber's, has invited Holmes and McGinnis to go to that restaurant and give short smoke talks during the intermission of the 11 o'clock performance of the Spring Revue to-night, thus making even more notable the initial performance of this show. When the soldiers have spoken the pretty girls of the revue will pass among the tables, and the money collected will be given to the tobacco fund.

Fighting Benson's turn comes to-morrow night in Carnegie Hall, where a talk on his experiences in the war will be the chief feature of a great patriotic rally. There will be other interesting features, but his story of his capture and trial as a spy by the Germans remains the raison d'être of the meeting. The former pacifist and preacher is to devote his oratory to the Liberty Loan campaign next week.

Admission will be free to-morrow night, but it is the intention of the men and women behind the rally to take a collection for the smoke fund. Present given to figuring will note that the United States Cigar Store item of \$12,581.81 in the table appended to this list shows a gain of nearly \$1,000 over the figure printed yesterday morning. The advance represents the amount collected in the most recent collection from Sun fund boxes in a few of the United States.

These figures bear eloquent testimony to the excellent work smokers are doing in depositing their coupons and certificates in the boxes. The receipts are to be found in all the United and Schulte stores, and the paper placed in them goes directly to increase the smoke supply of our soldiers at the front. To board your certificates and send them to the fund offices. Deposit them in the boxes when you make your purchases. And be very careful to see that they go into the boxes. If left on the counter they will be lost and our fighting men will gain no benefit from them.

Aid From Latin Republics. Two foreign republics are represented in this morning's contributions. From Aguascalientes, Mexico, a five city 270 miles northwest of the capital, came yesterday a check for \$44.33. The memorandum directing that it be used in buying smokes for the soldiers was signed by the American Smelting and Refining Company, and the offering apparently is an example of collective giving by the company's employees.

And from our old friend and faithful ally, Peru, came a check for \$10. Mr. Granger began sending regular contributions early last autumn, and not a month passes that does not bring a donation from him.

Mention was made at the time of the charming recital given by Louise Morgan and her dancing pupils in the Playhouse the afternoon of March 22. The entertainment was an artistic triumph, and that it was a financial success also is attested by the fact that Mrs. Morgan saw the proceeds, \$301.03, to the fund yesterday. This popular instructor, whose studio is at 217 West End Avenue, voluntarily arranged the recital as a benefit for the soldiers' smoke project.

From the Bungalow Club of Southold, Suffolk county, of which Dr. John W. Stokes is president, came an offering of \$5. The letter accompanying the check was signed by the treasurer, Frederick

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The money—safety—good interest—no temptation to spend.

The money you must provide.

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K. Terry, who is assistant treasurer of the Southold Savings Bank.

The dance at the Gotham Hotel will take place next Saturday night. Next week will be a lull for friends of the fund. On Thursday Mrs. Ida V. Enders, contralto, will give her recital in Cooper Union, and Saturday will be the day of the two fund entertainments by students of the Crippled Children's East Side Free School, at 157 Henry street, and the entertainment of the Misses Sprague's School of Dancing, at the Westchester Women's Club, in Mount Vernon.

How the Fund Stands.

THE SUN AND THE EVENING SUN, \$1,000.00
United Cigar Stores boxes, including special 5 per cent. of Gross Sales Day, \$2,581.81

Overseas acknowledged, \$12,581.81
New contributions, \$64.83

Total, \$13,228.45
Shipped and paid for, \$13,000.00

Cash balance, \$228.45
Received through the Schulte Cigar Stores, \$2,088.48

Grand total, \$241,581.81
New contributions, \$64.83

J. L. T. \$20.00
Louise Morgan's Dance Recital at the Playhouse, \$101.03

For Oaks, \$1.00
Lan Kever, 20 Broadway, \$6.00

American Smelting and Refining Co., \$2.00
Aguascalientes, Mexico, \$44.33

Burgundy Club, Southold, \$5.00
Reis Granger, Barranquilla, Colombia, \$10.00

La. Savarin, 100 Broadway, \$15.00
Hobart Co. Res., Hotel Astor, \$4.00

Hotel Imperial, 29 Garden, \$4.00
Hotel Martineau, 30 Park Ave. Hotel, \$2.00

Hotel McAlpin, 48 Palis Royal, \$1.00
Hotel Manhattan, 120 Church St., \$2.00

Hotel Biltmore, \$2.00

HYLAN WOULD STOP MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Tells Enright Faulty Brakes on Cars Are to Blame for Many Mishaps.

DRIVERS VERY CARELESS

Heavy Trucks Violate Speed Laws, Even Upon Main Thoroughfares.

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